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Subject: EMS Objectives and Targets for FY07

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In order to comply with EMS Guidelines set forth by the Area Office and EO 13148, we are required develop annual goals, objectives, and targets in order to continually improve our environmental program. Per REE Manual 230.0, goals, objectives, and targets will be developed by November 30 each year and should be approved and endorsed by the highest senior management official within the organizational unit. Tifton's EMS FY07 targets have been prioritized, assigned a projected completion date, and listed below.

## TIFTON LOCATION EMS OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS FOR FY07

1. Significant Environmental Aspect: Priority Chemical Reduction
Objective: Reduce the amount of mercury containing devices in USDA facilities.

Target: Replace and recycle mercury thermometers, mercury containing switches or pressure measuring devices.

Projected Completion Date: September 30, 2007

2. Significant Environmental Aspect: Priority Chemical Reduction Objective: Reduce the amount of lead containing devices in USDA facilities.

Target: Inventory water coolers to check for lead containing components and dispose of any other lead containing items found on site such as lead/tin solder, etc.

Projected Completion Date: September 30, 2007

3. Significant Environmental Aspect: Employee Awareness
Objective: Reeducate all employees that work in federal facilities
about EMS.

Target: Reintroduce employees to EMS and its importance through the required annual training presented at UGA/USDA Safety Week, brochures, flyers, posters, website, etc.

Projected Completion Date: September 30, 2007
(Employee Awareness was made a significant aspect as a result of the EMR and the recommendations of EPA to reeducate employees on EMS related issues and policies.)

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